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## Tour busses henceforth orderly and organized



ORANJESTAD -- On Wednesday morning, Minister Otmar Oduber, who has tourism transportation under his watch, met with the different players in the tourism transportation arena regarding the changes that will be enacted as of today in the wharf area.

Oduber reported on the heavy investment of Afls.200, 000 in the last quarter of 2010 to improve the situation with the different Kiosks and surrounding area. He reminded the group that during a meeting held at the end of 2010 with the tour operators, it was agreed that together they would create a more efficient and organized structure for transportation out of the wharf area. This, he said, is in keeping with the changes needed to take place in order to improve our services and the Aruba product.

The changes will erase the ugly appearance that cruise visitors get when they disembark the cruise ships and behold the congestion of busses everywhere. Henceforth, this will be coordinated. The disputes regarding tour tariffs have also been regulated and

will be published; and as of today these will be fully implemented.

As of march 11th, 2011, all tour busses will depart in accordance with the order in which they arrived. There is a regulated tariff and number of allowable passengers for each bus. The minister regrets that this process took a little longer than he had anticipated, because of the past rainy days. During the rainy days it was impossible to complete the different jobs around the tank. But, now everything is in place and as of today the new plan will take effect; and all the ugly sights will now be a thing of the past.

Oduber also informed the players that a part of the TPEF (Tourism Product Enhancement Fund) which was made available to beautify the area was allocated to subsidizing the Visibility Team for the security of our city area. In addition, an investment was made in acquiring 5 cleaning teams to keep our tourism corridor clean, which includes the wharf area. As of Wednesday March 10, one of these cleaning teams has

been charged with a daily early morning clean up, as of 7:00 a.m, to maintain the area clean.

In the next phase of the changes, several announcement signs will be placed at strategic places around the city. This will be an investment of 60 to 80 thousand Aruban florins and the hope is that within 4 to 6 weeks these signs will be ready. These unified signs will be visible the moment a visitor steps off the ship. Visitors will be guided as to how to get the main street, how to get to the museum, to the beach, and also how to get back to the ship.

There will be 5 different places where shopping-mall-style maps will be available which will guide our tourist on how to get to their desired destinations around the island.

Oduber concluded his remarks by indicating that these investments are in an effort to improve on the quality of the Aruba product with respect to the service we want to offer especially within the city limits.

## Great food, fine wines at Aruba Culinary Festival at Divi Links



DIVI LINKS -- For an exciting taste of Aruba and cultural experience, the Aruba Culinary Festival takes place on the first Monday of every month at the scenic outdoor plaza at Divi Links (below Mulligan's). The next festival will be held on Monday, March 14, from 6 – 9 p.m.

To give you an idea of our tasty tidbits, our February event featured Amazonia's Chicken wings, ribs and tenderloin; Aqua Grill's Cold tuna chilli with small green salad and crisps; Driftwood's Fresh catch of the day in Creole sauce with pan bati (local corn bread); French Steak House's and Giorgio's Beef stroganoff on bed of fettucine; Gasparito's Chicken keshi yena (traditional Aruban dish; Mulligan's Seafood paella; La Trattoria El Faro Blanco's Rack of lamb with roasted potato; The Old Man and the Sea's Sauteed diced oysters, shrimp and fish on the half-shell topped with hollandaise and Windows on Aruba's Orange and vanilla mousse. Our March event promises selections just as delicious!

Restaurants of the Aruba Gastronomic Association (AGA) will be serving their tempting signature dishes. Arion Wine Company will be pouring its fine vintages -

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Admission of US \$18.00 (avg. 30,-) includes 4 food tickets plus 2 wine tickets (or 4 soft drink tickets). Buy tickets at door. Limited seating.

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## Kadhafi son says 'victory in sight' as West frets



TRIPOLI, Libya (AFP) - Moamer Kadhafi's son said that victory was in sight against rebels fighting his father's iron-fisted regime after loyalist forces retook two key towns and Western powers fretted over how to deal with the escalating civil war.

Seif al-Islam spoke after NATO and the European Union had started 48 hours of crisis talks, amid growing calls for the imposition of a no-fly zone over Libya and reports that France would even support selective air strikes.

"I send a message to our brothers and friends in the east who are sending us daily calls for help and asking us to rescue them: We're coming," he said.

"Victory is in sight. Victory is near," he told the exuberant youths. "I swear before God that we're going to win."

Earlier, in an interview broadcast on Britain's Sky News and BBC TV, the younger Kadhafi said the regime would "never surrender" to the rebels and did not fear foreign intervention.

"We are not afraid of the American fleet, NATO, France, Europe. This is our country. We live here, we die here. We will never, ever surrender to those terrorists."

With its fighters in retreat, the opposition appealed to Western powers meeting in Brussels to follow the lead of France in recognising their national council.

Targeted by rocket fire, rebels fled from Ras Lanuf, a

strategic coastal oil town in eastern Libya they had captured, AFP reporters said.

A hospital official in Brega, about 85 kilometres (52 miles) further east along the Mediterranean coast, said: "We have four dead and 35 wounded, but there's still many more coming."

Medics say 400 people have died and 2,000 more been injured in eastern Libya since February 17.

Three BBC journalists who tried to reach Zawiyah earlier this week were "detained and beaten" before being subjected to a mock execution, the broadcaster said.

"This is yet another example of the horrific crimes being committed in Libya," a British Foreign Office spokesman said.

NATO's Rasmussen said that "if there is a demonstrable need, if we have a clear mandate and strong regional support, we stand ready to help."



Pope Benedict XVI has rejected the idea of Jesus as a "revolutionary", saying he used the "power of love" in a new book in which he also says the Jews were not responsible for Christ's death. Jesus "does not come as a destroyer. He does not come bearing the sword of a revolutionary," the pope -- a well-known theologian in his own right -- writes in the second volume of "Jesus of Nazareth", his biography of Christ. The book went on sale in bookshops yesterday, and will be officially presented by the Vatican later in the week. (AFP PHOTO)

## Danes' Somali captors kill eight soldiers

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AFP) - The Somali pirates holding a Danish family hostage killed eight Puntland government troops who were heading towards their mountain hide-out, security officials said.

Officials said forces from the northern Somali break-away state where the seven hostages -- four adults and three teenage children -- are held were approaching the pirates' lair and were intercepted on the way.

"Puntland armed forces clashed with pirates near Bandar Beyla and the information we're getting indicates that there were casualties," said Abdifatah Mohamed, a security official based in Bosasso.

"Some of our soldiers were killed and one of our trucks was destroyed," he said, adding that communication with the remote area near Ban-

dar Beyla was bad, making it impossible for him to confirm the number of dead.

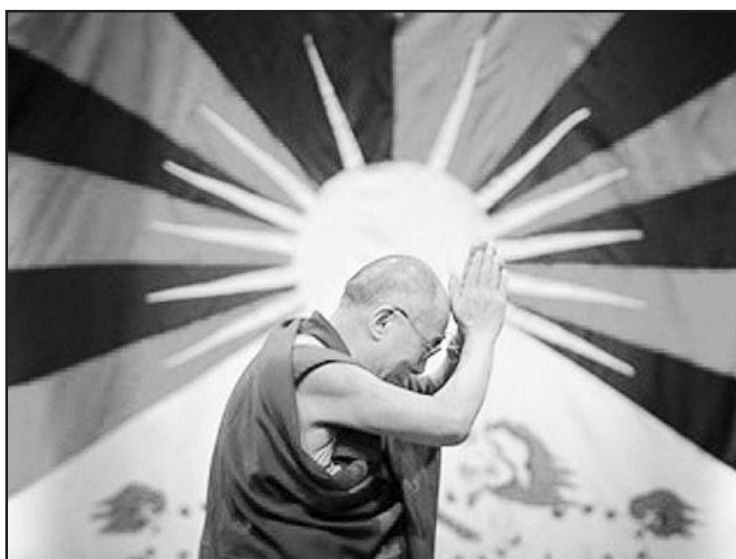
"A reinforcement of 11 armed vehicles has left Garowe," the administrative capital of Puntland, he added.

Another security official who refused to be quoted, however, said eight Puntland troops were killed in the ambush.

"Eight Puntland forces were killed... It was a serious incident this afternoon," he said on condition of anonymity.

The Danish hostages, whose yacht the S/Y ING was seized in the Indian Ocean on February 24, were not affected by the incident, which took place several miles from the place where they are believed to be held captive.

It is not yet clear whether the pirates have made a ransom demand.



The Dalai Lama announced March 10 he would step down as political head of Tibet's exiled government, but continue to push the Tibetan cause in his key role as its spiritual figurehead. In a speech on the anniversary of a failed uprising in 1959 against Chinese rule, the Dalai Lama said he would seek an amendment allowing him to resign his political office when the exiled Tibetan parliament meets next week.

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## Detainees return to “classes” at KIA



Prison Overseer, Esther Lares-Werleman, in charge of socio-cultural work in Aruba's prison facility, commented on the positive effect among detainees for the re-enacted courses of the Education for Employment Program (EPE).

Inmates expressed excitement when the EPE courses began in January. The program began with an offering of two courses, namely, The Tourism Industry and a Waiters course. Both courses are well subscribed by both male and female inmates. The KIA is equipped with two classrooms, one for female and one for male inmates each with a seating capacity of 12 persons. The interest by inmates is greater than the available space, which

makes it impossible to accommodate the demand for these courses.

Esther Lares-Werleman reported that the enthusiasm among prisoners is extremely high and that those enrolled are taking advantage of the opportunity to learn as much as possible and is ready to apply what they've learned as soon as they have served their time and are ready to return to their community. These courses are especially motivating to those who are serving a longer sentence.

The prison overseer expressed the hope that more courses could be offered such as, Electrician, Computer, Music, Sewing and Pedicure/Manicure. If these types of courses could be offered this would greatly benefit our inmates as well as the community once these persons are released back to the community.

Minister of Labor and Education, Otmar Oduber is contemplating the possibility for expanding the course offerings in an effort to contribute positively to the reformation of those who for one reason or other ended up in jail. He had words of praise for the work of EPE and hoped that our inmates will be able to apply their acquired skills to their life once they are free and back into the community.



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# Pointers to Ponder

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## Four things to turn him back on to you! Part IV

Today I want to conclude our series on the four things to turn a man back on to you! The first key to rekindle the fire in your man toward you is you becoming playful. Men would much rather play than talk or listen to you talk, talk and talk...they would much rather play. Become playful, do something. Play ping pong, basketball, pool or whatever and you will see him change 180 degrees!

The second key is: a real man wants a woman who is independent. Real men want a woman who motivates them because she is thinking and doing great things. The energy and positive attitude of a woman becomes contagious to a man and her active life sparks energy in his life and draws him closer to her!

The unfortunate thing here is that so many women are so energetic and heavily overloaded that they get burned out and simply stop feeling like the woman they are. You need to stop long enough to ask yourself...do I have so much stress and worries because of my busy life that I have lost touch with my own sensuality and sexuality? If you can create the perfect balance between your work, your career and your life with your man, you will see him reaching out for you in ways you never dreamed of.

Let me hurry now to the third key to getting him turned back on to you:

**Key Number Three:** A real man wants a woman who is emotionally mature! Most men have seen how women flirt, how things go wrong with women in relationships, have had women throwing themselves at them, and some have even had women bring beauty and wisdom into their lives in marvelous ways. Some have seen women act exceedingly needy and unsettled to where they lose it completely on an emotional level and even fall apart before their very eyes. So, most men would have had many options before you came along!

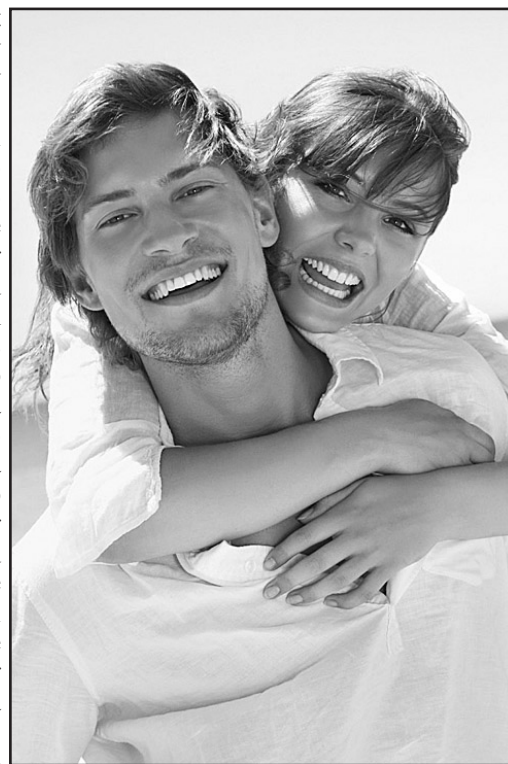
Knowing what you know about women and how they behave with men, what do you think are the big warning signs that men look for in women? And, what do you

think are the best signs of a healthy and happy woman?

Let me tell you what the research has revealed. The greatest indicator of a healthy and happy woman that a man is looking for has to do with a woman's emotions. The way a woman reacts to and shares her own feelings and emotions, the way she feels all the time, is the biggest “go or leave” signal in a real man's mind.

In most relationships, it doesn't take long for a situation to arise where feelings are either hurt or slighted, and/or you disagree on an issue. This is the moment when you show what's really in you. Do you respond with criticism or blame? Do you have the patience and maturity to take the time to get in touch with your own feelings as you're feeling them, and communicate from a place of positive intention? Or, do you feel so engulfed by your emotions to where you let them control you? Do you then do things or say things that don't promote love and compassion and positive intention? These are some of the red signals, red flags that go up and push any good man away! A woman who has the maturity to not blame or criticize a man for what she's feeling, but to share her feelings in an honest and authentic way that helps a man understand her better... will have a man who is more open than she could imagine any man being with her. Remember, it has nothing to do with who hurt whom. Yes, he may be the one who hurt you, who said something unkind, but it is your emotional reaction to the incident that tell-tales who you are from the inside.

Well, I have to cut that short and quickly move on to the fourth important key, which is: A real man wants a



woman who makes him feel intense attraction. Men and women know that it is very easy to find someone who makes you feel wild with desire at first. But, we know, too, that it is hard to find someone who makes us feel this way many moons into our relationship! Let me give you a secret about us men, that you may or may not know; men are not afraid in the least bit of commitment, of committing to one woman. But what scares men to death is being in a relationship with a woman, no matter how beautiful she may be, or how talented, where there is no passion and attraction! So, men are only afraid of commitment when they don't sense that the woman is right for them.

So, when a woman comes into a man's life and shows him her playful spirit, her balanced independence, and how emotionally mature she is as she responds to feelings situations, and makes him feel attraction...you can be sure that he is all for a permanent commitment and a lasting meaningful relationship. Now, you know that there is so much more that I can and should say here, but for the limitation of space, I must stop right here. If you need to talk to me further, please feel free to contact me at: [themorningnewsaruba@gmail.com](mailto:themorningnewsaruba@gmail.com).

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Through its design alone, this new concept model clearly expresses all the strengths and qualities of such a vehicle; the BMW Concept X1 exudes strong touch of agility and versatility both in its driving qualities and practical use. The concept clearly reveals the combination of stylish elegance in a five-door as well as modern function

With smooth 6-cylinder power, available all-wheel drive, and "ultimate driving

machine" cachet, it could be the new star of a fast-growing market class. It is equipped with all the standard features expected from this brand. That includes AWD drive train with 6 speed automatic transmission, solid suspension which guarantees a smooth ride, antilock brakes, traction/antiskid system, front side airbags, and curtain side airbags.

BMW X1 means comfort. The interior is spacious and eye catching. Driver and passenger enjoy adjustable seats as well as automatic room temperature control and a hi-fi surround system complete with sub woofer and 8 speakers.

Safety is always of utmost importance, and the MW X1 stands out on this matter. The

car evaluates and predicts an accident beforehand so it can be prevented. If a tire is faulty or flat, the X1 automatically transfers more power and control to the other three, giving the driver more control of

the vehicle.

It is difficult to give a description of the feeling when driving an X1. Ultimate Automobiles - exclusive dealers for BMW on Aruba - invites everyone to pass at its show-

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## Sci-Tech

# Tiny diamonds show promise against tough cancers



WASHINGTON (AFP) - US researchers said this week they have found a way to attack late-stage breast and liver cancer tumors by attaching a potent chemotherapy drug to tiny carbon particles known as nanodiamonds.

The technique was tested in mice and showed that nanodiamonds helped the drug, doxorubicin, get inside the normally chemo-resistant tumor and shrink it, said the study published in the journal Science Translational Medicine.

Without the nanodiamonds, the drug was either rejected by the body and failed to work on the tumor, or in higher doses it was too powerful for the patient to survive.

"This is the first work to demonstrate the significance and translational potential of nanodiamonds in the treatment of chemotherapy-resistant cancers," said the study.

The research shows promise for possible use in humans because chemotherapy

drug resistance causes treatment to fail in 90 percent of cancers that have spread inside the body, known as metastatic cancer.

"What is most interesting from this study is when we took an even higher dose of the drug, that dose was so toxic that the animals all died. They didn't even last long enough to finish the study," said lead author Dean Ho of Northwestern University.

"But when we took that same higher dose and bound it to the nanodiamond, not only did all the animals survive the study, the tumor sizes were the smallest that we saw in the study," he told AFP.

Ho said he became interested in using carbon particles to deliver drugs more than three years ago, and was attracted to nanodiamonds because they have been shown in automotive uses to work well with water, a key requirement in medical uses,

too.

"We also saw that the shape of the diamond was very conducive because it is a very ordered structure and that is always good for biology," Ho added.

Nanodiamonds are typically formed in explosions, such as in coal mining or oil refinery operations, and are even thought to result from meteorite landings.

"What is neat about it is it is almost like a waste material, it is going to be produced anyways," said Ho.

"So instead of throwing it out, taking this by product and simply processing it with things like acid washing, milling, sonification, it can yield very uniform particles of between two and eight nanometers in diameter."

Ho said it would likely be a few years before the therapy may be available on the market, and that researchers would first look at how the technique works in larger animals before human clinical trials can start.

"Nanodiamonds possess numerous hallmarks of an ideal drug delivery system and are promising platforms for advancing cancer therapy," said co-author Edward Chow, a postdoctoral fellow with the GW Hooper Foundation, which helped fund the research, and the University of California, San Francisco.

Other funding for the study came from the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the American Cancer Institute.



People pass under a series of solar power panels in northeastern China's Liaoning province. Two Chinese clean energy firms are planning share sales in Hong Kong to raise a total of \$1.1 billion as the country ramps up its use of renewable energy, a report has said. (AFP photo)



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## Samsung and LG in rare public battle about 3-D TV



A journalist compares the 3-D televisions of Samsung(L) and LG(C) after a news briefing on 3-D television technology by LG Display in Seoul

SEOUL (AFP) - South Korea's electronics giants are engaged in rare public mudslinging about whose 3-D television technology is better, as they battle for a greater share of a potentially huge global market.

Samsung Electronics and LG Electronics, respectively the world's largest and second largest flat-screen TV makers, each claim their technology offers more vivid images and wider viewing angles.

The two firms, both driven by newly-appointed leaders, are striving to set the 3-D industry standard. Market researcher DisplaySearch forecasts that 3-D will account for 41 percent of all flat-screen shipments worldwide by 2014, compared to two percent last year.

LG champions a technology called film-patterned retarder (FPR), while Samsung uses so-called active shutter glass technology.

The two conglomerates rarely attack each other's products but a war of words began in January at the Las Vegas Consumer Electronics Show.

Exchanges heated up last month when LG reportedly described Samsung's 3-D technology as a generation behind.

The following day, a Samsung Electronics press release said the difference between its product and that of its competitor was "one of night and day".

On Tuesday Samsung again attempted to rubbish its rival.

Kim Hyeon-Seok, execu-

tive vice president of Samsung's visual display unit, described LG's claim that its 3-D TVs offer wider angles than Samsung's as "an attempt to deceive consumers".

"It is unacceptable that LG claims that FPR is better than active shutter glasses when the whole world says otherwise," Kim said.

Samsung has even published a print ad featuring a popular actor next to a small monkey, both wearing special glasses for 3-D viewing. The monkey's caption reads "Why is my 3-D TV not fully high-definition?"

Samsung denies the monkey symbolises LG.

Kwon Young-Soo, CEO of LG Display -- LG Electronics' flat panel unit -- urged Samsung Thursday to "stop the ads attacking another firm" and maintained his firm's technology is more advanced.

Kwon said LG's special glasses, required to watch 3-D TVs, are lighter, cheaper, transmit fewer electromagnetic waves and cause less blurred vision than Samsung's.

Greg Roh, an analyst at HMC Investment Securities, called the feud "psychological warfare" partly aimed at boosting each company's reputation among consumers less willing this year to buy new TVs.

"Demand for new TVs this year is deemed low as many consumers already own new LCD and PDP (plasma) TVs... so the firms may need something to boost their standing among consumers even slightly," he told AFP.



## Health & Living

### Obama shares childhood tales at bullying conference



WASHINGTON, (AFP) - US President Barack Obama confessed he was taunted as a kid over his "big ears" and unusual name, as he opened a White House summit on preventing bullying.

"Bullying isn't a problem that makes headlines every day, but every day it touches the lives of people all across the country," Obama said, noting a growing movement among young people to combat youth harassment.

"If there is one goal of this conference, it is to dispel the myth that bullying is just a harmless rite of passage or an inevitable part of growing up," Obama said as he opened the conference.

"It's not. Bullying can have

destructive consequences for our young people."

The White House said nearly a third of school children or 13 million students are bullied each year. It said targeted students are more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol and have mental health issues.

It is encouraging schools and the private sector to join efforts against bullying and is highlighting private, non-profit and government prevention efforts.

Obama, who has written of his own sometimes difficult childhood in Hawaii and Indonesia, said as he opened the conference that he had experience being on the receiving end of taunts.

"As adults, we all remember what it was like to see kids picked on in the hallways or in the schoolyard.

"I have to say with big ears and the name that I have, I wasn't immune. I didn't emerge unscathed."

First Lady Michelle Obama

noted several high profile cases that have made media headlines that have seen kids driven to distraction and even suicide after they were severely bullied.

"As parents it breaks our hearts to think that any child feels afraid every day in the class room, or on the playground or even online," she said.

"It breaks our hearts to think about any parent losing a child to bullying," Michelle Obama said, at an event which included several families grieving after their offspring committed suicide following harassment at school.

Day-long conference at the White House included sessions and discussions on cyber-bullying, campus bullying and pioneering new programs to combat harassment of schoolchildren.

Facebook, which millions of young people use to communicate, was streaming a special online live event focusing on cyberbullying.

The company plans to soon unveil two new safety features including a revamped multimedia safety center with downloadable information for teens and a new system to allow users to report content that violates its rules.

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2002 was necessary for medical reasons.

But DeWaegeire, then a 58-year-old widow, told the jury she would never have consented to the operation in which a doctor removed her genitals, including her clitoris.

She said the doctor told her he was going to remove a lesion but never mentioned removing anything else.

The man will be sentenced at a later date.

### Genitals-removing doctor convicted in Australia



SYDNEY, Australia (AFP) - A former doctor who removed a patient's genitals without her consent was convicted by an Australian court of maliciously inflicting grievous bodily harm.

The doctor, who cannot be named because of a court order, told the New South Wales district court that he believed the operation conducted on Carolyn DeWaegeire in August

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### Family planning saves lives: Melinda Gates

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Melinda Gates urged US lawmakers not to cut funding for family planning programs in developing countries, saying access to contraception can "save a huge number of lives."

"There is a lot of controversy in this country about reproductive health because of the issue of abortion, and it's appropriate to continue that dialogue because there are strong feelings on both sides," Gates said in a speech at the annual conference of CARE, a global anti-poverty group.

"But we must remember that there has long been a broad, bipartisan consensus on the need to give all women access to the contraceptives that women in rich countries use every day. It is vital to maintain that consensus," she added.

The CARE conference was held a few miles from Capitol Hill, where US Senators voted Wednesday on budget proposals from rival Republicans and Democrats on how to cut government spending and slash the huge US deficit.

The Republicans' budget proposal, which would completely remove funding for the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) as just one measure to slash government outlays by some \$61 billion, was rejected by



the Senate.

PPFA has had an international operation since 1971 and co-founded the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

A Democratic Party spending plan, which would trim a far more modest amount from the budget, also failed to win Senate approval.

Gates and her husband Bill, co-founder of Microsoft, chair a global philanthropy group that bears their name.

"Right now, more than 200 million women in the world who don't want to have a child, are not using contraceptives," Melinda Gates said.

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## Purchasing property in Aruba: Retirement home or investment - why not both?

As the Caribbean's #1 return destination, we are all aware of how visitors are quickly won over by Aruba's many assets; the perfect weather and charming people always invoke thoughts of making it a winter or retirement home. Terry Orgel and her husband Richard made just such a choice when they toured the cozy Jardines Del Mar community adjacent to Eagle Beach a few years ago, purchasing not only a townhouse for their personal use, but an identical 3 bedroom/3 bath home as an investment.

"We were particularly impressed with the quality of construction and design; we love the high cathedral ceilings, along with the layout of the community," explains Terry, "the way the grounds and homes are maintained have convinced us we made the right choice."

Terry and Richard, natives of Memphis, also appreciate the feeling of small town community to which they were accustomed, and love the way they have come to know all their neighbors. They spend their winters on Aruba from December to April, and six weeks in the summer, escaping the worst cold and heat back home.

The unoccupied townhouse is in pristine condition; they are now putting it up for sale at the pre-construction price they paid for it, \$395,000. This is 20% less than the developers are asking for a new unit. "When we purchased, we considered renting it out, but then decided we just wanted to simplify our lives and not be landlords. We also believed real estate prices could only go up, but the world situation has changed, and we realize we need to be flexible."

Their prime corner units have larger kitchens and terraces than the other Jardines Del Mar properties, along with more windows, spacious rooms with large closets and a huge walk-in closet in the master bedroom, for a total of 2,000 square feet. The kitchen has brand new stainless steel appliances and a microwave, which is included in the sale price, and there is an additional outdoor kitchen and terrace, where they installed a barbecue in their home and entertain frequently. The management boasts a full time concierge, wi-fi, excellent security, and the complimentary fitness room will be completed by the end of 2011. For those considering owning property on Aruba, Terry may have exactly what you seek, at quite a bargain price. For more information call Terry at 743-1265; she can answer many of your questions regarding being a homeowner on Aruba based on her own experience.

The Orgels will continue to live at Jardines Del Mar even after the sale of their property. They love the section of Eagle Beach which is only a block away, and Terry regularly participates in water aerobics at Windie's Water Sport Center, which is right next to their community. "Buying our own home in Aruba was the wisest thing we ever did; we couldn't be happier. We encourage anyone considering this move to take the plunge, it was well worth it!"



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# BACK THEN



Aruban house with hex signs

Throughout the millennia philosophers and historical reporters have stated that a people builds its shelters not only for protection from the surrounding elements but also to display their individualism.

Given the very limited natural resources on this small island, Arubans have indeed shown their ingenuity and creativity building homes stone upon stone. The oldest, still standing, is located in Saveneta and was built from caliche, a crusty calcium deposit found in the hills on the southeastern section of Aruba.

Roof shapes slanted down from a center peak to allow the heat to rise in the interior.

Small windows were a consistent element in early homes to keep in the cool which was retained by the stone structure eventually replaced by cement. Curtains were fastened at the top and bottom of these small windows and then tied in the center to allow the fresh air to enter on either side.

Foundations were formed by repeatedly tamping down the earth and wetting it resulting in a rock hard base. An outstanding design element were the stone walls that surrounded the homes. They were built without mortar, coral rocks fitted together without any gaps: a marvel of innate engineering to a perfect fit. Although this form of construction is a lost art, there are still many walls or parts of walls still standing in various parts of the island.

The dirt yards were swept on a regular basis and plants were kept in hand-

made pots. This was not just for neatness or for the fact that the ground was hard to



Stone kiln in Rancho

plant, but to keep the yard clear of any creepy crawling creatures that may seek entrance into the house. This tradition was and still is maintained based on the cus-

tom of the earliest Indian settlers.

With the introduction of cement, more imaginative construction designs appeared while still retaining the basic design elements. Houses became box-shaped with wooden louvered windows; hex signs, with no cultural meaning, appeared along the corners of the houses from foundation to roof; and patios were laid across earthen yards.

Story-high stone kilns, more than 100 years old, still stand majestically and silent and intact though no longer in use. Houses grew higher and spread out, windows became longer yet still narrow and bright red roofs became the norm. Elaborate ornamentation graced the roof tops, balconies and entrances of the large homes, most of which today are public buildings, such as the one in which civil marriages take place.

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## Reality, belief or Imagination University of Aruba holds lecture on hypnosis



Next week Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. the University of Aruba will organize a lecture on hypnosis. While the word hypnosis is sometimes associated with stage shows and the unexplainable, the reality is that most people have an erroneous concept about hypnosis, particularly clinical hypnosis (hypnotherapy.) Millions of people have found clinical hypnosis to be an effective way to stop smoking, lose weight, reduce stress and otherwise improve their lives.

The British Medical Association (BMA) and the American Medical Association (AMA) approved the use of clinical hypnosis in the 1950s and more than 600 articles on hypnotism appear on the website of prestigious National Institute of Health one of the world's foremost research centers.

Hypnosis is a naturally occurring heightened focused state of awareness. Simply stated, hypnosis is the narrowing of concentration where you focus on one particular thing at a time. With hypnosis you remain under control of your selectivity, your willpower and all your faculties and can hear, see, feel, smell, taste and speak. You actually have more control of your faculties. With hypnosis the body and mind are equally suggestible; operating as a harmonious unit. While every individual reacts differently to suggestions, this deepened state of pleasant and suggestible relaxation can allow very positive effects on

the conscious and unconscious mind as well as on the automatic system. As you are emotionally detached from the issue you can experience it on many levels and find out what is right for you. If the suggestion pleases you and seems emotionally and morally reasonable, you will accept it despite the fact that under ordinary circumstances you might consider it an impossible suggestion. This can allow for excellent results and assist in making those changes you have been seeking to alter for some time.

The lecture will be held by Eddy Oduber who recently successfully completed the Certified Hypnosis Instructor certification from the National Guild of Hypnotists (NGH). The NGH is an USA organization with more than 10,000 members in 71 countries. Only 3 other Dutch hypnotists have the Guild's certified instructor qualifications. Eddy is the director of Aruba Hypnosis Center a Smoking Cessation Center and also the facilitator of "The Amazing Secrets of Your MindS" Seminar which allows participants to identify the invisible powers that govern them and presents tools that allow them to make significant changes in their lives. The seminar has had hundreds of participants that through testimonials have endorsed it.

The presentation will be held at the Aula of the University of Aruba at J. E. Irausquinplein 4. Language will be in English and entrance is free.



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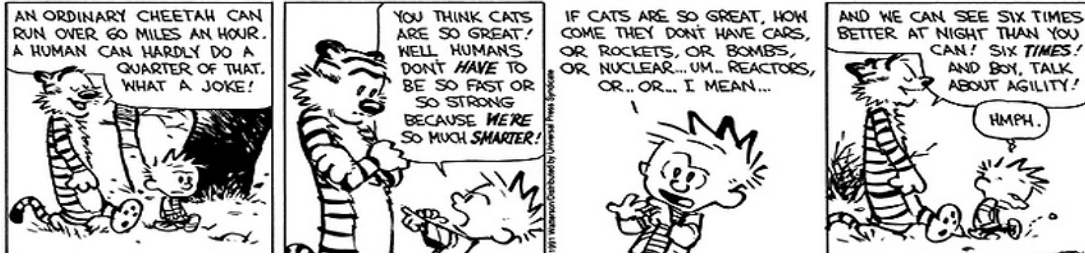
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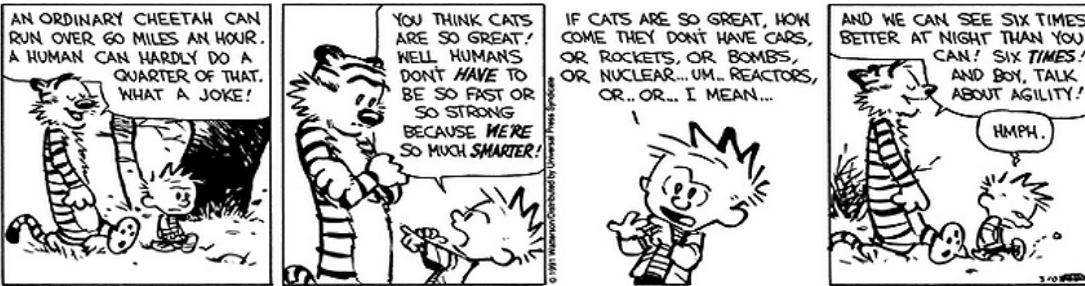
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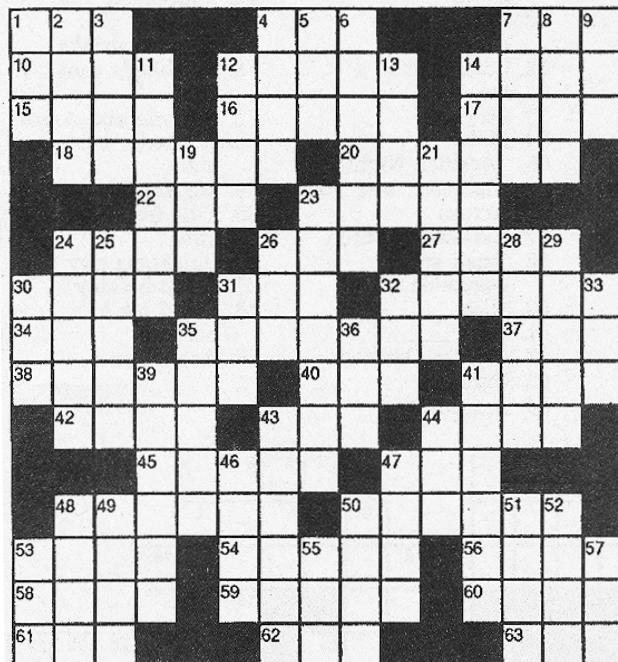


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26. That woman
27. President's disapproval
30. Black
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32. Cylindrical
34. Electrical unit
35. Makes sherbet

37. Cry of triumph
38. Almost
40. Actor Harrison
41. Consumer
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47. Tabby
48. Cited
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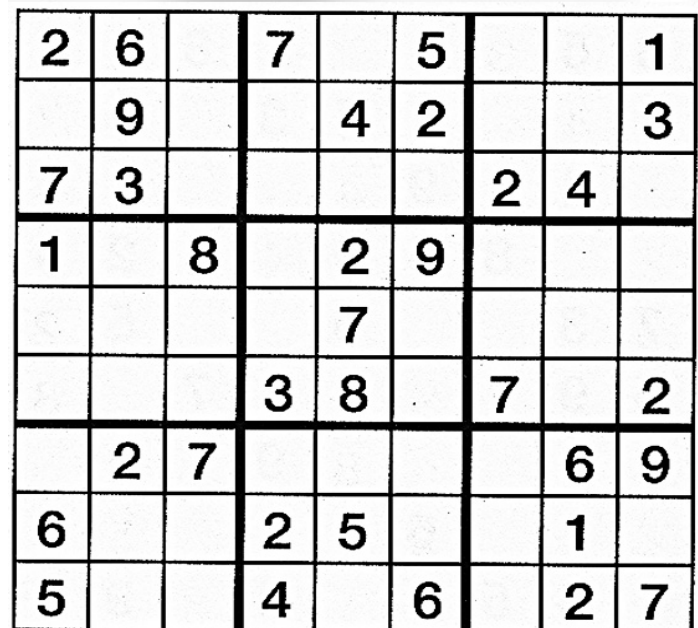
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9	5	4	6	2	9	8	2	1
9	4	2	8	9	6	1	5	2
5	2	9	2	4	1	9	6	8
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### British tycoons held over Icelandic bank collapse



**Tycoon Property magnates Robert (L) and Vincent (R) Tchenguiz**

Property magnates Robert and Vincent Tchenguiz were briefly detained in London as part of an international probe into the collapse of Icelandic bank Kaupthing.

The Iranian-born brothers - once listed among Britain's richest men -- released a statement saying they were "co-operating fully" with police and they were confident of being "cleared of any allegation of wrongdoing".

A spokesman for the brothers confirmed they had been released but said he was unable to provide further details.

Britain's Serious Fraud Office (SFO) said they would "only provide an update when all suspects have been dealt with".

The pair were among seven men arrested in dawn raids across the capital in connection with the fall of Kaupthing, one of three Icelandic banks that failed during the credit crunch in 2008.

The SFO announced an investigation into suspected fraud in December 2009 surrounding British investment in what was billed as a "high-yield" deposit account called Kaupthing Edge.

The SFO added that two people had also been arrested in Iceland as part of the probe.

Kaupthing had an estimated 30,000 British investors. The Tchenguiz brothers are believed to have substantial dealings with the bank and lost heavily when it failed.

An SFO spokesman said: "This is a complex investigation which crosses numerous jurisdictions.

Kaupthing built up businesses abroad during the boom years before the crash, using cheap debt to acquire a stable of varied assets.

But it found it could not cover its obligations when credit dried up in 2008 and the Icelandic government was forced to rescue it and its peers.

## The Rise of a Female Economy

The economic empowerment of women across the globe is probably one of the most powerful social shifts in recent history. A generation ago working women performed "cheap" jobs, yet today over 60% of women make up the professional workforce. Although they still lag by an average of 15% to 20%, the rising female economy is a growing force in the 21st century. Nations have acknowledged the role and rise of a female economy in national innovation and sustainable competitiveness.

The rise of females can be explained by numerous factors, including politics, education, industrial change and new technologies. Over the decades, governments have passed equal-right acts and have made it 'their business' to promote gender equality, although global disparities still exist. But this is merely part of the explanation for the rise of a female economy.

The knowledge economy and the shift towards talent and intellectual capital have given women equal opportunities in the labor market. It has to some extent leveled the playing field. When agricultural and industrial force mattered, men may have had some advantage, although the first and second world wars definitely debunk the myth that women



are less industrious. The emergence of 'Feminomics', i.e., the combination of 'female' and 'economics', has been driven by the relentless rise and revolution of the information-based service economy and in its path, an emerging knowledge economy.

The expansion of the higher education has also boosted job prospects for women, improving their value on the job market and shifting their role models from motherhood to management, not without social implications of course. From Minister to Corporate Manager, women now lead in government and some of the best companies world-wide. Some would even argue that the Lehman Brothers disaster

would not have happened were it the Lehman Sisters.

The growing cohorts of university-educated women is testimony of the force of feminomics, which has been equally aided by the new social media revolution, internet-technologies and new forms of flexible work. The latter should not be underestimated as private and public sector organization policies and strategies play a key determining (micro) factor in feminomics and realizing the potential productivity gains of a female economy.

Beyond the social, political, economic, educational and technological factors, we should not dismiss what is most likely one of the most important factors in the female ascent, which are the intrinsic female aspirations to rise and become equal partners in the a global knowledge economy. The power of female psyche as a driving force in our economy is one that can be reckoned on in the 21st century as females continue to rise to the top and empower not only themselves but the future of their nations and generations.

To learn more about the feminomics, the University of Aruba invites you to a seminar on the Female Economy on March 23rd at 7pm which will be hosted by Prof. Dr. Ryan Peterson. During the seminar Prof. Dr. Peterson will elaborate on the economic role of women in business and consumer behavior.

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**ESSEN, Germany** : Young Appaloosa horses relax in a paddock yesterday at the fair grounds in Essen, western Germany, where preparations are under way for the Equitana equestrian sports fair running from March 12 to 20, 2011. Equitana is the world's biggest fair for equestrian sports in Germany. The horse show offers horses, trends, innovation, top sport and show. Around 860 exhibitors from all areas of the equestrian business will present their products and circa 1,000 horses during the fair. (AFP PHOTO)

## YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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ETON	ROCOO
COLONEL	PIN
TOD	DELE
EVEN	HIDE
BRED	BUS
RAN	PAMPERS
ASIDES	EMIT
DECIDE	LIVE
DENES	SLEW



## Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers, airline

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vices to arrange rental cars, spa appointments, activities and restaurant reservations are all part of the package.

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## Aruba Airport Authority N.V. sponsors Colegio Arubano to compete in Mathematics Alympiade finals



ORANJESTAD – Recently, Aruba Airport Authority (AAA) N.V. Public Relations Department handed a check to Colegio Arubano so they can compete in the Mathematics Alympiade finals, which takes place in the Netherlands. Students of different countries, such as Germany, Belgium, Iran, Denmark, Sint Maarten and Curacao will compete in Mathematics A.

The Mathematics Alympiad is a competition for students from upper secondary school, with mathematics A in their study package. Students work in teams of three or four to solve a realistic problem: a timetable for lifts, securing a museum and creating a ticket system.

The A-lympiad is an organized network; there are meetings and publications for teachers. A pre-final is conducted one day in November and a national final over a weekend in March / April.

Participating students for Aruba are: Justin van Grinsven, Jianyong Xie, Milaynie Kelie and Algernon Yearwood. They uniformly expressed they believe they are well prepared for the challenge.



Staff and management of AAA N.V. wish all the students great success.

AAA Developments Director Mr. Mario Bikker also wished them all the best and gave them an additional gift.

Photos show Mr. Bikker with the students and Jennifer Cheung of AAA N.V. Public Relations Department handing the check over to a Colegio Arubano representative.





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## Not one more night: Phil Collins calls it a day



LONDON, England (AFP) – Grammy-winning British pop star Phil Collins called it a day, but denied reports he was quitting because he no longer "fitted in" to the modern music scene.

Collins, 60, said he was retiring because he wanted to spend more time with his family, but he complained on his official website that reports about his intentions in recent days had been "more than a little distorted."

The Genesis drummer-turned-frontman who went

on to sell more than 100 million albums as a solo artist said: "I am stopping so I can be a full-time father to my two young sons on a daily basis."

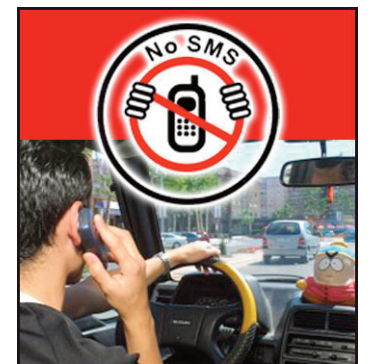
He rejected suggestions he was quitting because of "dodgy reviews or bad treatment in the press" or because "I don't feel loved", adding: "I know I still have a very large fanbase that loves what I do. Thank you."

Collins said suggestions in the press that he was stopping "because I don't fit in" were disproved by his album "Going Back" reaching number one in the British charts last year.

He said reports about his state of mind had made him sound "like a tormented weirdo", but he reassured his fans: "There's no need for the straitjacket."

London-born Collins is one of just three recording artists, along with Michael Jackson and Paul McCartney, who have sold over 100 million albums worldwide both as solo artists and separately as principal members of a band.

He has been married three times.



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**NEW YORK :** Photo shows a selection of guitars on display during a press preview at Bonhams New York for the auction to sell some of Eric Clapton's guitars and amps in aid of the Crossroads Center, Antigua, a non-profit, International Centre of Excellence for the treatment of alcohol and other drug addictions. The sale will feature over 70 guitars and 70 amps which have helped create Clapton's legendary sound. The auction took place March 9, 2011.

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# Dilshan guides Sri Lanka into quarters



**Tillakaratne Dilshan (R) of Sri Lanka celebrates taking the wicket of Craig Ervine (L) during the Sri Lanka v Zimbabwe match**

**PALLEKELE (AFP)** - Tillakaratne Dilshan smashed 144 before taking 4-4 to help Sri Lanka beat Zimbabwe by 139 runs and reach the World Cup quarter-finals on Thursday.

Together with fellow opener Upul Tharanga, who hit a career-best 133, Dilshan put on a new World Cup opening stand of 282 to guide Sri Lanka to an imposing 327-6 before a packed 30,000 crowd at Pallekele stadium.

Zimbabwe made a fighting reply with Brendon Taylor (80) and Regis Chakabva (35) through a solid 116-run start before the innings fell apart, as they lost their last three wickets for just 63 runs.

Dilshan, who bettered his previous best of 4-29 against India at Dambulla in 2005, also became the 11th all-rounder, and the second Sri Lankan behind Sanath Jayasuriya, to score a hundred and take four wickets in an ODI.

The result meant Sri Lanka, with seven points from five matches in Group A, become the first side to enter the last eight.

New Zealand, with six points from four matches, Pakistan (six from four) and defending champions Australia (five from three) are virtually certain of filling the three other qualifying places from the group.

"Dilshan has that magic touch with bat, ball and on the field," said Sri Lanka skipper Kumar Sangakkara, who also praised Muttiah Muralitharan who took 3-34 on his last appearance in his home town of Kandy.

"Murali is a champion,

and that's why he is rated the best in the world. When the tough times come, he stands up."

Man of the match Dilshan said: "This is the best match of my career. I think everyone's performing well, we are in a good position."

Sri Lanka owed their total to Dilshan and Tharanga who set the ball rolling after they were put into bat on a batting-friendly pitch, just failing to beat the world record first wicket stand of 286 runs.

Tharanga, who also featured in a that stand, with Jayasuriya against England at Leeds in 2006, hit his 10th one-day hundred, while Dilshan notched his ninth, and second in the World Cup.

Their stand was also the fourth highest partnership for any wicket in ODI history.

Dilshan, 34, smashed one six and 16 boundaries during his attractive 131-ball knock, cutting loose as early as in the second over, hitting paceman

Tinashe Panyangara for three boundaries and a six.

The 26-year-old left-hander Tharanga, whose previous best of 120 came against England at Lord's in 2006, hit 17 boundaries during his 141-ball innings, as both the openers batted without trouble.

Dilshan reached his hundred with a quick single towards cover off Elton Chigumbura, taking 95 balls to reach the three-figure as a capacity 30,000 gave him a standing ovation.

Sri Lanka now face New Zealand in their last match in Mumbai on March 18 which will decide where they finish in the group.

Zimbabwe, with two points from four matches, can still make it to the quarters (on better net run-rate) if they win their last two matches, the first of which is against Pakistan on Monday and the next against Kenya on March 20.

## Police open probe into Chara hit

**MONTREAL (AFP)** - Montreal police said on Thursday they are probing a check by Boston's Zdeno Chara in a National Hockey League game that left Montreal's Max Pacioretty with a broken vertebra and concussion.

Criminal charges could be brought against Boston's Chara, a 2.05-metre Slovakian defenseman, who slammed Pacioretty into a glass partition between the team benches late in the second period of the Canadiens' 4-1 victory on Tuesday.

"Right now, I'm focusing on playing my game and playing hockey," Chara said.

Montreal police said they were collecting evidence at the behest of Louis Dionne, Quebec's director of criminal and penal prosecutions, for possible criminal charges.

Pacioretty, a 22-year-old American left wing, broke his fourth cervical vertebra and was carried off on a stretcher. He remained in hospital under observation.

Bruins coach Claude Julien said Chara did not deliberately inflict the severe blow upon Pacioretty.

"We know he didn't do it on purpose. It wasn't intentional," Julien said.



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## Another postponement for Mayweather

**LAS VEGAS (AFP)** - Unbeaten American boxing star Floyd Mayweather's court hearing on domestic violence charges was postponed for a second time to April 28 by a judge on Thursday.

The hearing was originally planned for January 25 but was pushed back to Thursday so that one of the fighter's lawyers could have time to review the evidence.

Mayweather, who did not appear in court on Thursday, is accused of striking and threatening former girlfriend Josie Harris, stealing her mobile phone and threatening two of their children in an incident on September 9.

Lawyers for Mayweather have denied any wrongdoing by the fighter, but Mayweather faces up to 34 years in prison if convicted of the charges, which include felony counts of grand lar-

ceny, coercion and robbery.

Mayweather, 34, also faces a battery charge over an altercation with a security guard for his homeowners association, who claims Mayweather poked him during a November argument regarding cars parking outside Mayweather's home.

That case is set to go to trial on April 25.

Boxing fans have hopes that Mayweather, 41-0 with 25 career knockouts, will fight Filipino star Manny Pacquiao in a showdown bout but Mayweather's legal woes have put such talk on hold.

Southpaw Pacquiao, 52-3 with two draws and 38 knockouts and a winner of 13 fights in a row in the past six years, is set to face 39-year-old US fighter Shane Mosley, 46-6 with one draw and 39 knockouts, on May 7 in Las Vegas.

## Semenya wins 400 metres, ready for South Korea

**CAPE TOWN (AFP)** - South Africa's 800-metre world champion Caster Semenya on Thursday said she was ready to defend her title in South Korea in August after winning her first ever 400m race.

"I think I'm ready for the 800," Semenya said after sprinting to a 54.03sec victory at the Bellville Stadium on the outskirts of Cape Town in the third meeting in a national athletics series.

"It's what I'm training for so I'm just going to train hard so I can retain my title. I think I'm good enough to retain my title."

Semenya, 20, said she was still recovering from the back injury that stopped her competing at the Commonwealth Games in India last October.

"I'm trying to heal my injury because I've not yet healed," she told journalists after the race.




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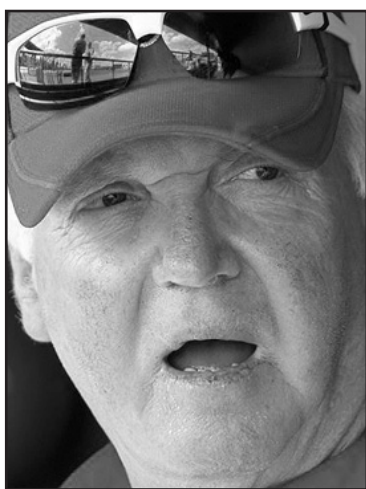
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## Phillies ink manager to extension



LAKELAND (AFP) - Philadelphia Phillies manager Charlie Manuel has signed a two-year contract extension through the 2013 Major League Baseball season, the team announced on Thursday.

Manuel has guided the Phillies to a 2008 World Series championship, two National League crowns and

four consecutive NL East division titles.

"He has been an integral part of the success we've had over the past several years," said Phillies general manager Ruben Amaro Jr.

"We look forward to the next three years with the hopes of continued success."

Manuel, who took charge of the Phillies in 2005 and has never had a losing season, said he wants to go out on his own terms and that he set the time frame of the extension.

"I set the length of time on the deal because I'll be 69 when the deal runs out," Manuel said. "I'll sit down and kind of evaluate where I'm at. I'll talk to them. We'll see where they're at."

"I'm not ready for somebody to say, 'I'm going to retire Charlie.' If I'm going to retire, I'm going to retire myself."

## Equine star Zenyatta in foal



LEXINGTON (AFP) - Zenyatta, the 2010 Horse of the Year, is in foal after being mated with 2006 Preakness winner Bernardini and is expected to give birth next February, her manager announced on Thursday.

The announcement comes only three days after Rachel

Alexandra, the 2009 Horse of the Year, was revealed to be in foal and also expecting next February after being mated two weeks ago with 2007 and 2008 Horse of the Year Curlin.

The pregnancies set the stage for a sensational American Triple Crown series rivalry in 2015, when top three-year-old horses race for glory at the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes.

No horse has swept all three races since Affirmed in 1978, who was the third horse in six years to achieve the feat after Secretariat in 1973 and Seattle Slew in 1977.

Before that, no horse had won the treble since Citation in 1948.

Zenyatta retired in November after a 19-1 career, losing only to Blame in the final race of her career in last year's Breeders' Cup Classic.

## NFL Union boss vows no 18-game plan

WASHINGTON (AFP) - National Football League Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith says the union will not agree to increase the number of games for each club from 16 to 18 a season.

As owners and players resumed contract negotiations Thursday on the eve of a deadline that has already been extended by one week, Smith's comment to Sports Illustrated showed that some lines have already been drawn in talks.

"The league has never presented a formal proposal for 18 games," Smith told the magazine in a website report. "But more importantly, it's something that our players don't want -- 18 games is not in the best interest of our players' safety, so we're not doing it."

Owners had pushed for an 18-game season in order to increase television revenues and give both sides a financial boost as billionaire owners and millionaire athletes squabble over how to divide \$9.1 billion in annual income.

NFL owners, who already take \$1 billion off the top for operating expenses, are pushing for another \$800 million. The players, who make 60 percent of revenues after that first \$1 billion, see that as a salary slashing move.

A wage scale for rookies and greater benefits for retired players are other summing-block issues while the union wants NFL clubs to open their business ledgers to prove their need for extra money they claim is vital to paying for huge new stadiums.

So far, they have received some financial disclosures from the NFL but have not gotten the information they seek.

"That information would be utterly meaningless in determining whether to write an \$800 million check to the National Football League," Smith said.

The union has also asked US District Court judge David Doty to release information the NFL wants kept confidential regarding television contracts.

Doty last week ruled the NFL was not entitled to \$4 billion in payments for future games from broadcast partners, money the union successfully argued was a war

chest to fund a lockout.

If no new deal is worked out by this afternoon, the sides could push back the deadline again or shut down talks.

Once the deadline passes without a deal, owners could lock out players rather than abide by terms of the deal they voted to opt out of in 2008.

The union, however, could decertify as the bargaining unit for the players, setting the stage for what would likely be a protracted anti-trust court fight between players and the league.



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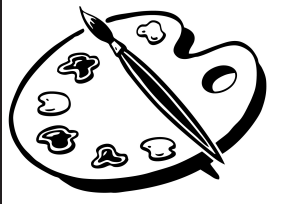
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## Serena makes plans for July return

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Serena Williams, recovering from the removal of a blood clot in her lung as well as a nagging foot injury, plans to play tennis in July for the Washington Kastles of World Team Tennis.

The nine-team US league, which will stage a 36th season from July 4-24, announced on Thursday that Williams is scheduled to play in Washington on July 7 against the Boston Lobsters and when the Kastles visit Sacramento on July 9.

The reigning Wimbledon champion had said after her surgery for a blood clot that travelled from a leg into her lungs that she was hopeful of a summer return, but was unsure exactly when she might be back on the court.

The former world number one, a 13-time Grand Slam champion, would need to be ready by June 20 to defend her Wimbledon title. The women's final is set for July 2.

Williams has not played a top-level match since last year's Wimbledon final.

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# Aruba Int'l. Half Marathon 2011 ready for registrations



IDEFRE (Aruba's Sport Federation) is organizing the 26th Aruba International Half Marathon to be held on the 20th of March. As is customary every year, a large partic-

ipation of local and international athletes is expected. Because of the large participation expected, IDEFRE is appealing to all those interested in being part of this

tremendous event to make sure and register as soon as possible to secure their participation so they can also receive the corresponding T-shirt and commemorative medallion.

### Registration:

The hours of registration are from 7:30am to 4:30pm from Monday to Friday. The last day to register is March 12 between 9:00am and 4:00pm. On March 12th IDEFRE will issue the T-shirts and race number for the Aruba International Half Marathon 2011. Registration fee for local athletes is Afls.25 and US\$15 for international athletes. A maximum of 800 participants will be al-

lowed.

### Departure Route and Final:

The route will cover a distance of 12KM, and depart from the Joe Laveist Sport Park at 5:30pm with direction to Alhambra Casino. Along the route there will be 5 watering posts and one paramedics post and a standby ambulance in the Balashi area. At the end of the route, water will again be available as well as Gatorade, soup and fruits. After the race, everyone can approach the ambulance and paramedic team for any of their services such as massages to relax muscles after the race.

### Prizes:

Prizes will be for those marking 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. place in the general classification within each age category.

For those walking the Half Marathon, the prizes will go to the first 5 places in the feminine and masculine categories up to age 34 and above 35 years of age.

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